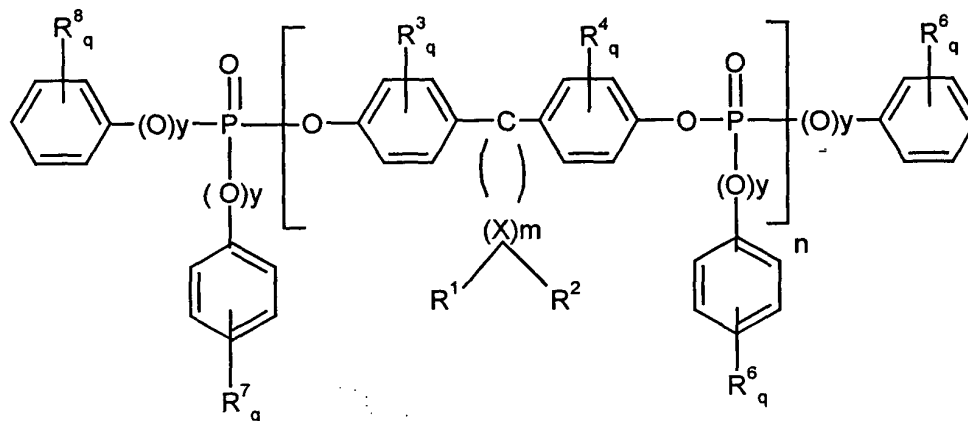


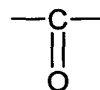
WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An oligophosphate of general formula



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wherein R^1 and R^2 independently of each other for each X, denote
hydrogen or a C_{1-20} alkyl, cycloalkyl or aryl or together with the



carbon atom to which they are bonded form

or a cycloalkyl or together with corresponding R^1 or R^2 on a different
carbon atom X, form a cyclic structure

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R^3 to R^8 , independently of each other, denote a C_{1-10} -alkyl or a
halogen,

X denotes carbon,

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m denotes an integer of 4 to 7,

n denotes an integer of 1 to 30,

y is 0 or 1, and

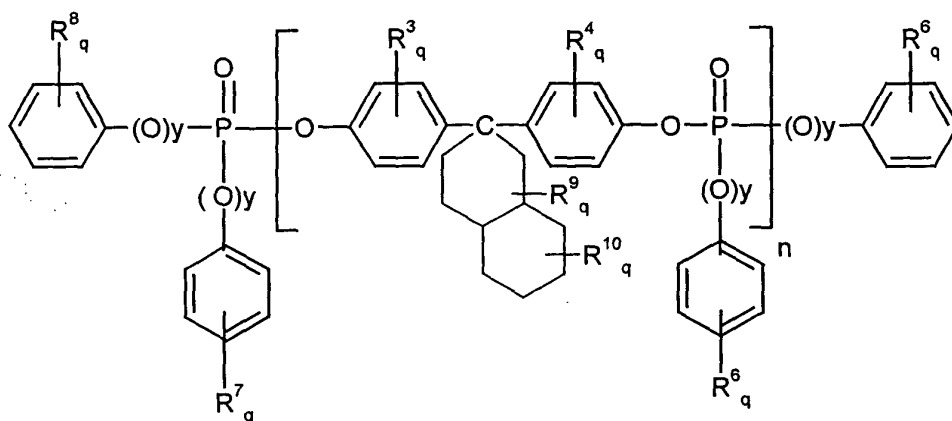
q denotes numbers which are independent of each other, and
represent an integer of 0 to 5.

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2. The oligophosphate according to Claim 1, wherein R^1 or R^2 on a carbon atom X, together with a $R^{1'}$ or $R^{2'}$ on a corresponding carbon atom X' , form a cycloalkyl structure.

5 3. An oligophosphate according to Claim 1 having the following formula



10 wherein R^9 and R^{10} independently of each other, denote hydrogen C_1 - C_4 -alkyl or a halogen, and q denotes numbers which are independent of each other and represent an interger from 0 to 4.

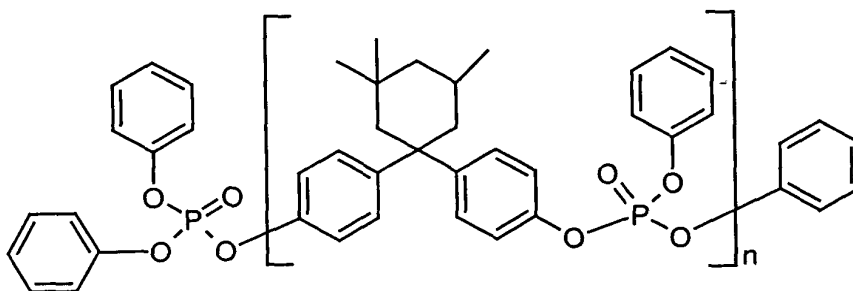
4. The oligophosphate according to Claim 1 wherein carbon
15 contained in the cyclic structures is substituted by heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of -O-, -S-, -N- R^1 - and -P- R^1 -.

5. The oligophosphate according to Claim 1, wherein R^1 and R^2
denote hydrogen or a C_1 to C_6 alkyl, R^3 to R^8 denote a C_1 to C_6 alkyl, X
20 denotes carbon, m = 4 or 5, n denotes an integer from 1 to 15, q denotes an integer from 0 to 5, and y = 1.

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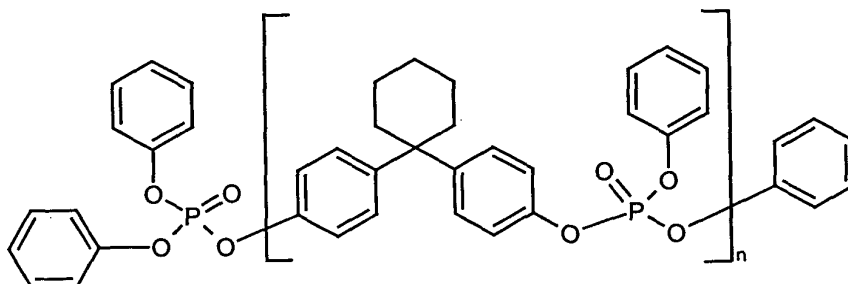
6. The oligophosphate according to Claims 1 wherein on at least one X R¹ and R² simultaneously represent methyl.

7. The oligophosphate according to Claim 1 conforming to



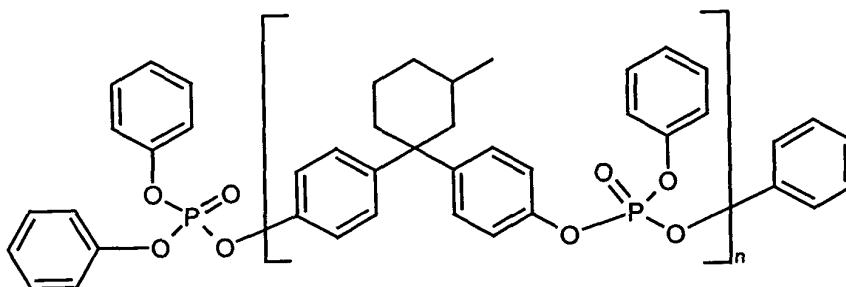
5 wherein n denotes an integer of 1 to 30.

8. The oligophosphate according to Claim 1 conforming to



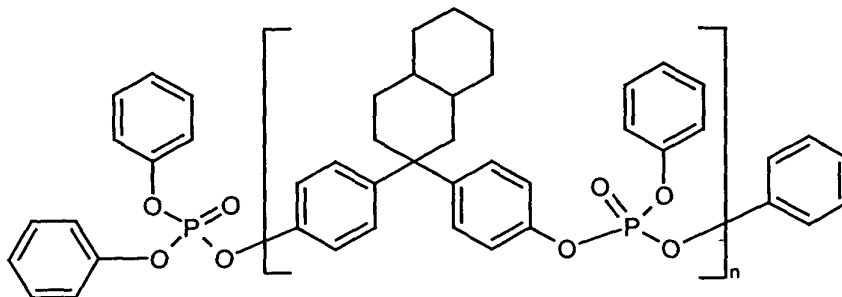
10 wherein n denotes an integer of 1 to 30.

9. The oligophosphate according to Claim 1 conforming to



wherein n denotes an integer of 1 to 30.

10. The oligophosphate according to Claim 1 conforming to



wherein n denotes an integer of 1 to 30.

- 5 11. A thermoplastic composition containing at least one thermoplastic resin and the oligophosphate according to Claim 1.

- 10 12. The thermoplastic composition according to Claim 10, wherein the thermoplastic resin is a member selected from the group consisting of polycarbonate, polyester carbonate, polyphenylene oxide, polyester, polyamide, polyester amide, vinyl (co)polymer and acrylic/butadiene/styrene (ABS) copolymer.

- 15 13. The thermoplastic composition according to Claim 10 comprising a polycarbonate, wherein, with respect to the weight of the composition, said composition contains up to 50 % by weight of a graft polymer comprising 5 to 95 % by weight of that polymer of at least one vinyl monomer grafted on 95 to 5 % by weight of at least one rubber as graft base having a glass transition temperature lower than about 10°C.

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14. The thermoplastic composition according to Claim 12, wherein the graft base is a member selected from the group consisting of diene-, EP(D)M-, acrylate- and silicone rubber.

15. The thermoplastic composition according to Claim 12, wherein graft rubber is an emulsion- or bulk-polymerized ABS or mixtures thereof.

5 16. The thermoplastic composition according to Claim 10 which further contains a fluorinated polyolefin.

17. The thermoplastic composition according to Claim 10, which further contains a nano-scale inorganic material or talc .

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18. A molded article comprising the composition of Claim 10.

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